

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A construction machine having a vehicular body, a working mechanism liftably provided on a front portion of said vehicular body, a seat supporting stool provided on said vehicular body, an operator's seat mounted on said seat supporting stool to be taken by operator, control valves provided in the course of hydraulic ducts to control said working mechanism by operating oil supply and discharge from a hydraulic pressure source to said working mechanism, manual operating means provided in the vicinity of said operator's seat for operating said control valves to control said working mechanism, and a pattern selector valve provided between said manual operating means and said control valves to permit selection of an operating pattern of said manual operating means in relation with said control valves, ~~characterized in that~~wherein:

_____ said pattern selector valve has a valve casing housing a directional control valve adapted to change over connections of oil passages between said manual operating means and said control valves, and a switch lever rotatably supported on said valve casing to permit selector operation of said directional control valve;

said seat supporting stool is adapted to accommodate said pattern selector valve in an inner space with said switch lever of said pattern selector valve, ~~with a switch member for switching the operating pattern~~ located at a front side of said seat supporting stool;

a front side of said seat supporting stool is provided with an openable front cover adapted to cover said pattern selector valve; and

a check-out window is provided in said front cover to ~~check-out~~ permit viewing there through of a current position of said switch member lever of said pattern selector valve ~~within said seat supporting stool~~.

2. (Original) A construction machine as defined in claim 1, wherein said seat supporting stool is internally provided with a selector valve accommodation room for lodging said pattern selector valve therein.

3. (Previously Presented) A construction machine as defined in claim 2, wherein said selector valve accommodation room is partitioned in circumference with a box-like shape.

4. (Currently Amended) A construction machine as defined in claim 1, wherein said pattern selector valve is accommodated at a position on the side of an entrance way at one side of said operator's seat, and said check-out window in said front cover is located on the side of said entrance way and in a corresponding position relative to said switch lever member of said pattern selector valve.

5.-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A construction machine as defined in claim1, wherein a transparent member is fitted in said check-out window for covering purpose.

8. (Currently Amended) A construction machine as defined in claim1, wherein a pattern indicator is provided in the vicinity of said check-out window in relation with switching positions of said switch lever member of said pattern selector valve, showing selectable operating patterns of said manual operating means in relation with said control valves.

9. (Previously Presented) A construction machine as defined in claim1, wherein a lock mechanism is provided on said front cover for locking same in a closed state.

10. (Original) A construction machine as defined in claim 1, further comprising pilot pressure ducts between said control valves and said manual operating means to supply a pilot pressure from hydraulic pilot valves of said manual operating means to hydraulic pilot portions of said control valve, and a relay assembly interposed between pilot pressure ducts on the side of said manual operating means and pilot pressure ducts on the side of said control valves.

11. (Original) A construction machine as defined in claim 10, wherein said seat supporting stool is mounted on a floor panel, and said relay assembly is located on the lower side of said floor panel.

12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A construction machine having a vehicular body, a working mechanism liftably provided on a front portion of said vehicular body, a seat supporting stool provided on said vehicular body, an operator's seat mounted on said seat supporting stool to be taken by operator, control valves provided in the course of hydraulic ducts to control said working mechanism by operating oil supply and discharge from a hydraulic pressure source to said working mechanism, manual operating means provided in the vicinity of said operator's seat for operating said control valves to control said working mechanism, and a pattern selector valve provided between said manual operating means and said control valves to permit selection of an operating pattern of said manual operating means in relation with said control valves, wherein:

said seat supporting stool is adapted to accommodate said pattern selector valve in an inner space with a switch lever located at a front side of said seat supporting stool;

a front side of said seat supporting stool is provided with an openable front cover adapted to cover said pattern selector valve; and

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a check-out window is provided in said front cover to check out current position of said switch lever of said pattern selector valve within said seat supporting stool, and

further including pilot pressure ducts between said control valves and said manual operating means to supply a pilot pressure from hydraulic pilot valves of said manual operating means to hydraulic pilot portions of said control valve, and a relay assembly interposed between pilot pressure ducts on the side of said manual operating means and pilot pressure ducts on the side of said control valves.